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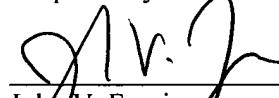
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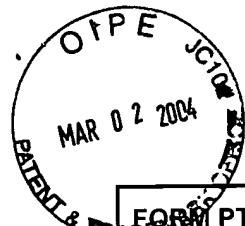
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	B2	1 412 774 A1	07/30/88	SU			04/07/86	Yes	Yes
	B3	2 767 673 A1	03/05/99	FR			08/27/97	Yes	Yes
	B4	197 13 280 A1	10/01/98	DE			03/29/97	Yes	Yes
	B5	WO 00/44308	08/03/00	PCT			02/01/00	No	Yes

## OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.

EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)	
	C3	Copy of International Search Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/31723, mailed from the International Search Authority on January 13, 2004.
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